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25X1A 4. (Secret - JMM) John Clarke, D/PPB, and I met with Mr. Robert E. Morrison, of Mr. Froelke's office in DOD, and Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed the best way for Chairman Hebert to handle questions from Committee members about the DOD [REDACTED] A mutually agreeable formula was arrived at. See Mr. Clarke's Memo for Record for details.

25X1A 5. (Confidential - JMM) At the request of NE Division, I called Harrison Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and said we would appreciate his not implicating us in any briefings [REDACTED]

6. (Unclassified - RJK) Per the Congressman's request, delivered six copies of the Director's speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors to the office of Representative W. C. Daniel (D., Va.). STATSPEC [REDACTED]

8. (Internal Use Only - RJK) Left a Communist China administrative atlas with Dale Sutherland, in the office of Abraham A. Ribicoff (D., Conn.), as she had requested.

9. (Unclassified - LLM) Angela, in the office of Senator John V. Tunney (D., Calif.), called for a constituent interested in contacting an Agency office in Los Angeles and after checking with [REDACTED] DCS, I gave her the contact office telephone number and informed her that it was listed in the Los Angeles phone book as well.

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(POWS)

WASHINGTON--A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE WAS TOLD TODAY THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS BUILT AN INTERROGATION CENTER IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN WHICH SUSPECTED VIET CONG PRISONERS ARE TORTURED.

STEWART MEACHAM, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, SAID THE CENTER AT A SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP WAS LOCATED IN QUANG NGHAI, VIETNAM.

"IT WAS BUILT BY THE CIA AND THE PEOPLE (SOUTH VIETNAMESE) WHO ARE OPERATING IT ARE CIA-TRAINED," HE TESTIFIED.

MEACHAM SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE INTERROGATION CENTER REMAINED UNDER CIA MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED THROUGH U.S. DOCTORS IN VIETNAM, WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, THAT MANY OF THE PRISONERS WERE TORTURED TO EXTRACT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ACTIVITIES.

"THEY TOLD ME THEY HAD SEEN MARKS ON THE BODIES OF WOMEN AFTER THEIR INTERROGATION," MEACHAM SAID.

MEACHAM TESTIFIED ON THE PRISONER-OF-WAR PROBLEM ALONG WITH TWO OFFICIALS OF THE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM, DR. RICHARD BARNET AND MRS. CORA WEISS OF NEW YORK CITY.

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